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DETAILED ACTION

This Advisory Action is in response to the Amendment After-Final filed on 06/03/2008. Claims 12-26 are currently pending in the application.

a. The amendments to correct the 112 rejection have been accepted, therefore the amendment would be entered and the 112 rejection would be withdrawn.

b. In the remarks, the Applicant argues that both Rankin and Hasebe fail to teach;

[“the estimated location of the mobile device used to determine the at least one prayer time is based on the coverage area of the at least one base station and a current cell identification (Cell ID) parameter assigned to the mobile device”], as recited, in part, in independent claim 12 and similarly in independent claim 22 and 25.

The Examiner disagrees with such an assertion. Rankin, for example, clearly teaches the determination of a communications device 100's location by using GPS system and communication system 102, which includes base station and the corresponding cell.(See Rankin below);

“Mobile location information updates are either triggered by user intervention, e.g., a request for information; the result of periodic updating, e.g., regular polling of a mobile device to determine location; or triggered by some system event, e.g., the user makes a call, changes cell ...”(col. 1, lines 26-30);

“The mobile communications device contains a location determination system which allows the device to determine its location either from the network or independently from the network. The mobile communication device triggers a determination of its location. This in turn will cause a map to be downloaded to the device from a location resource server” (col. 1, lines 61-64);

“Mobile communications device 100 is in communication with communication network 102. The location of mobile communications device 100 is determined by mobile location determination system 101 which may be entirely network based. The time difference of arrival of

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the mobile signal at three or more base station sites may be used to triangulate the position of mobile communications device 100..." (see col. 3, lines 35-48);

"The update of a new map portion could be triggered by several processes. In a cellular system, the update could be triggered by registration with the cell which is in communication with mobile communications device 100" (see col. 5, lines 56-59); and

"The initiation of step S2 can be accomplished with several procedures... or step S2 might also, for example, be initiated by the mobile device crossing the boundary between two wide-area network cells" (see col. 7, lines 15-18).

Furthermore, the Applicant's specification (see Pages 6-7 and 11-12) cited the usage of "cell id" of a base station in location determination of mobile handset which is connected to the base station. (See below);

"In order to maintain connectivity, the mobile network has to keep record of the current location of the mobile user. Each cell has ONE base station and the "CELL ID" is also base station's id, which is passed and known through out carrier infra-structure...

This "special computer system" is called the "W.A.P gateway" 35. These facilities also house another computer system called "Location Server" 30, which maintains a database of current locations, including Cell IDs, of all mobile-cellular users connected to the network. This database keeps getting updated in real-time.

Another reason for using "Cell ID" is that all type of cellular network technologies keep record of current "Cell ID" of their connected subscribers, and thus no modification in the mobile handset or in the cellular network will be required to implement my Azaan-notification system"

Since base stations, in cellular system, have "CELL ID" and such "cell id" is used to locate subscribers, as indicated above by the Applicant's specification, the Examiner maintains that the above clarification, including the cited columns from Rankin meets the Applicant's argued claimed limitations. Therefore the Final Office action for claims 12-26 is been maintained.

Any amendments to specifically describe Applicant's invention would require further search and re-consideration.

CONCLUSION

Examiner's Note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner. SEE MPEP 2141.02 [R-5] VI. PRIOR ART MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ITS ENTIRETY, INCLUDING DISCLOSURES THAT TEACH AWAY FROM THE CLAIMS: A prior art reference must be considered in its entirety, i.e., as a whole, including portions that would lead away from the claimed invention. W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. v. Garlock, Inc., 721 F.2d 1540, 220 USPQ 303 (Fed. Cir. 1983), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 851 (1984) In re Fulton, 391 F.3d 1195, 1201, 73 USPQ2d 1141, 1146 (Fed. Cir. 2004). >See also MPEP §2123.

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